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*May 3d.*

Vice-President VAUX in the Chair.

Fourteen members present.

Mr. Cassin informed the Academy that our late fellow member, Mr. Samuel Ashmead, had bequeathed to the Academy his entire collection of Algae, together with the privilege of selecting from his mineralogical cabinet such specimens as may be desirable.

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*May 10th.*

Vice-President VAUX in the Chair.

Thirteen members present.

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*May 17th.*

MR. LEA in the Chair.

Twenty-two members present.

A paper was presented for publication entitled "New Unionidæ, Melanidæ, &c., chiefly of the United States." By Isaac Lea.

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*May 24th.*

Vice-President BRIDGES in the Chair.

Eighteen members present.

A paper was presented for publication entitled "Descriptions of new marine Invertebrata from Puget's Sound, &c." By Dr. Wm. Stimpson.

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*May 31st.*

Vice-President VAUX in the Chair.

Sixteen members present.

On Report of the respective Committees, the paper of Mr. Lea, read May 17th, was ordered to be published in the Journal, and the following papers in the Proceedings:

**Critical Remarks on the Genera SEBASTES and SEBASTODES of Ayres.**

BY THEODORE GILL.

In the Proceedings of the California Academy of Natural Sciences, "Remarks in relation to the Fishes of California, which are included in Cuvier's genus *Sebastes*," and subsequently, in the Proceedings of the Zoological Society of London, "Notes on the Sebastoid Fishes occurring on the coast of California, U. S. A.,"\* have been published by Wm. O. Ayres, M. D., C. M. Z. S.

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\* I have been favored by Prof. Baird with the advance sheets of these Proceedings.